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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

ATT is one of the most despicable companies I have every had the displeasure of employing and because of various incidents, I switched to a local provider for my internet. The company I use now actually has a person answer the phone and I don't go on hold. I haven't had any problems with my internet, I haven't been given hidden charges (only what I was told I'd be charged), and I haven't had my e-mail flooded with advertisements. I like supporting local businesses that function well in my community.

Furthermore, I recall years ago when Quest was the only landline phone and internet provider available in AZ. I experienced the same problems I experienced with ATT and because there was no other business to choose from, I had to get a cell phone, just so I wouldn't have to give my money to Quest.

It is un-American to allow legislation that limits other businesses to compete in the same field. (Need I remind you of Theodore Roosevelt that "trust buster" or the days of Rockefeller and what happened to standard oil). Have really not learned from the past?

Please, don't kill the marketplace for local businesses, especially ones that seem to have a genuine concern for their customers. Allowing a single business to have a monopoly on any industry, especially the telecommunications, is tantamount to socialism.....Are we not a capitalist society?

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